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C O N F I D E N T I A L DJIBOUTI 0185

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDIP, PORG, PDEV, FT, OAU

SUBJECT: DJIBOUTI DELEGATION TO OAU DEMONSTRATES CAREFUL BALANCES  
NECESSARY TO GOVERN COUNTRY

1. DJIBOUTI DELEGATION NOW IN LIBREVILLE FOR OAU MEETING TO DEVELOP  
BROADEST POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION NEW STATE ALSO PROVIDES  
ILLUSTRATION MOST, IF NOT ALL, MAJOR POLITICAL/ETHNIC TENDENCIES  
WHICH DOMINATE LOCAL SCENE. IF THIS DELEGATION CAN BE TAKEN AS  
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REPRESENTATIVE OF EFFORTS BEING DEVOTED BY PRESIDENT GOULED AND  
ADVISERS TO ASSURE NATIONAL INTEGRATION, THERE MAY BE A BETTER  
CHANCE THAT THIS FRAGILE EXPERIMENT IN STATEHOOD WILL SURVIVE.

2. FOLLOWING IS AN ANALYSIS OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE DJIBOUTI  
DELEGATION:  
A. AHMED DINI AHMED. CHIEF OF DELEGATION, PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL

ASSEMBLY, LPAI CONTROLLER GENERAL. AN AFAR, AHMED DINI HAS BECOME IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS, THE STRONG RIGHT ARM OF PRESIDENT GOULED AND PERHAPS A POTENT POLITICAL FORCE. LONG TIME CONSIDERED VERY WEAK AT THE LOCAL LEVEL, HE IS NOW IN POSITION BUILD UP A CLINETEL WITHIN THE BUREACURACY AND AT LOCAL LEVEL. ALTHOUGH IT APPEARS DOUBTFUL THAT NEW DJIBOUTI GOVERNMENT TO BE FORMED WITHIN A FEW DAYS WILL HAVE A SEPARATE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DINI WILL PROBABLY OCCUPY THAT ROLE DE FACTO. HIS PLACE ON THE DELEGATION DEMONSTRATES CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE GOVERNMENT ATTACHES TO EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION AT OAU SUMMIT. B. MOHAMMED DJAMA ELABE. MINISTER OF COMMERCE, ISSA BUSINESSMAN, HIGHLY APPROACHABLE, A MADERATE WHO IS BELIEVED TECHNICALLY

COMPETENT.

C. ALI MAHAMADE HOUMED. DEPUTY FROM TADJOURAH WHERE HIS BROTHER IS SULTAN, ONLY AFAR SULTAN WHO IS RESIDENT IN REPUBLIC OF DJIBOUTI. HOUMED PROVIDES HIGH-LEVEL TRADITIONAL AFAR REPRESENTATION ON DELEGATION.

D. IDRIS ABDILLAHI OLOW. DEPUTY FROM DJIBOUTI. HE HELD POSITION AS METEOROLOGIST AT AIRPORT BEFORE BECOMING MEMBER OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. AN ISSACK, SIGNIFICANT SOMALI ETHNIC GROUP WELL REPRESENTED ON LOCAL SCENE, IDRIS SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH. HE IS ALSO A FREQUENT CONTACT OF CHARGE AND IS BELIEVE SA RISING YOUNG FIGURE ON DJIBOUTI POLITICAL SCENE.

E. BOUH HOUSSEIN OMAR. MEMBER OF FLCS. UNKNOWN TO EMBASSY, HE  
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OBVIOUSLY PLACED ON DELEGATION TO PROVIDE REPRESENTATION YOUNG RADICALS WHICH MAKE UP LEADERSHIP OF FLCS.

F. ABOUBAKER ALI MOHAMED. UNI SECRETARY GENERAL. REPRESENTS THOSE AFAR WHICH ARE ORGANIZED POLITICALLY.

3. IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO KNOW HOW WELL SUCH A GROUP WORKS TOGETHER. IF ANYONE CAN MAKE SUCH A GROUP FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY, IT IS PROBABLY DINI WHO IS THE BEST PREPARED. VIRTUALLY WRITTEN OFF AS A POLITICAL FORCE THREE MONTHS AGO, HE HAS EMERGED AS A TALENTED AND TOUGH ADMINISTRATOR. THE DELEGATION APPEARS TO BE A REAL TOUR DE FORCE AND IS ILLUSTRATIVE OF PRESIDENT GOULED'S INTEGRATIVE EFFORTS.

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